

East Calhoun Community Organization



November 21, 2011

Re: CPP draft guidelines

Dear Neighborhood and Community Relations:

Thank you for allowing neighborhoods to provide feedback on the draft guidelines for the 2012 Community Participation Program. Listed below are some concerns identified by the East Calhoun Community Organization:

- **Administrative requirements:** The program needs to be streamlined for greater efficiencies of neighborhood staff and volunteer time as well as administration at NCR. The guidelines are overly bureaucratic and not in proportion to the amount of funding our neighborhood expects to receive from the program.
- **Policies:** The new guidelines require neighborhoods to have Equal Opportunity Employment, Affirmative Action and Americans with Disabilities plans and policies. Can we be assured that NCR will provide support for neighborhoods to prepare these policies?
- **Neighborhood Priority Plan:** We appreciate that the program allows neighborhoods to fund programs; however the process requires neighborhoods to put additional time and resources toward creating a NPP without any guarantee of additional funding for these projects. In addition, the requirements for the NPP are not clearly defined in the guidelines.
- **Eligible expenses:** Eligible expenses should include food, festivals, events, and newsletters – all items typically used to engage community.
- **Housing:** Please provide more information about the requirements for housing activities to be included in the submission (Section IV, #6).

Sincerely,

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President, East Calhoun Community Organization